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Intro

Between snow and sunshine

It's quite amazing how quickly the weather can change. The Netherlands was covered under a huge layer of snow when the last issue of 1324 was released. This week it's been birds, flowers and sunshine: spring is in the air! Or, as this week's Go Dutch will tell you 'er zit lente in de lucht!'. What else can you find in issue #22 or 1324? There's sweep picking, a book on 'extreme locales', funky kitchen gadgets from the USA, a set of fresh *Game Gear* games, a website devoted to the artwork from *Magic: the Gathering* and more. As always: happy reading, stay safe and until next issue!

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Weather

Extreme locales



Princeville

North Carolina, USA
18 °C / 65 °F



Whittier

Alaska, USA
2 °C / 36 °F



Grande Isle

Louisiana, USA
19 °C / 67 °F

Out Now

Don't bother, currently out of order:



E.T's not phoning home today. At least not from this set seen at a laundromat in Portland (OR), USA. Thanks to [Mike](#) for this week's *Out Of Order* pic. Found an *Out of Order* sign yourself? Why not send it to us at [this](#) address! Thanks.

Go Dutch

In one word a week



'Lentebries' (noun)

pronounce: len-tuh-bree-s

This word describes a fresh gust of wind during springtime. (Spring Breeze). It's often used as the name for detergents, tea blends, scented candles etc.

In a sentence

Heerlijk die lentebries, er zit echt lente in lucht

Such a lovely spring breeze, spring is truly in the air

Also...

Zomerbries (Summer breeze), *Herfstbries* (Autumn breeze) and *Winterbries* (Winter breeze) also exist. They're mostly used as street names, strangely enough.

Briesen isn't the plural of *bries*. It means 'to speak or shout angrily'

Little known facts

Sweep Picking

is a guitar playing technique in which notes on several consecutive strings are struck one after the other in a single (up or down) movement. The big difference with playing an arpeggio is that when you play a note, the previous note does not sound. Sweep picking requires a controlled cooperation of both hands to synchronize the fretting of the note and the striking of the string. Sweep picking was used by jazz guitarists such as *Les Paul*, *Barney Kessel*, *Tal Farlow* and country guitarist *Chet Atkins* in the 1950s. Later, in rock music, Deep Purple guitarist *Ritchie Blackmore* also used it. Jazz fusion guitarist *Frank Gambale* is considered the most innovative and versatile sweep picker.

Trivia

Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] What's the name of the mars lander which landed on the surface of mars in february 2021?
- [02] What H is an oath held sacred by physicians?
- [03] What type of camera lens would you ideally use for close ups?
- [04] Name four colours found on the Olympic flag.
- [05] What the name of Japan's largest island?
- [06] What can be measured in *Kelvin* (K)?
- [07] How many funnels (smokestacks) did the *RMS Titanic* have?
- [08] Which *Looney Tunes* characters are are known as *Titi* and *Grosminet* in France?
- [09] Is menthol made from eucalyptus or mint?
- [10] Is Gold safe to eat?
- [11] Which are heavier: *badminton* or *squash* rackets?
- [12] What's the main character in the game *Vib Ribbon* called?
- [13] *Ivenne* is a common name in which Asian country?
- [14] What type of product was the 'epic fail' called *Juicero*?
- [15] Which word that can mean 'friend' has one called NTSC?

512KB

This week: The second batch of SEGA Game Gear games you might want to check out.

A return to SEGA's 8-bit 'gear for games' this week. You see, we're quite taken by this machine and we reckon it deserves some more love. So there.

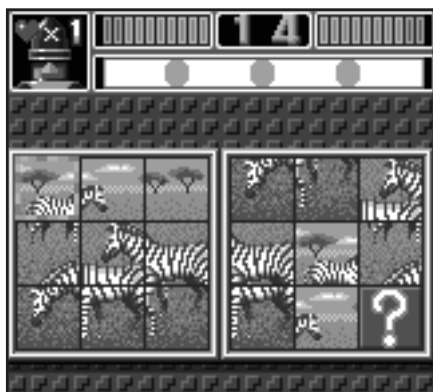
Devilish

This is an excellent cross between pinball, *Arkanoid* and a platform game. Guide the sphere through the levels before the timer runs out. The worlds are all quite different from each other and some come even complete with a boss fight. The soundtrack is rather excellent and really sets the mood. 'Cheap as chips', so give it a try.



Tant-R / Ichidant-R

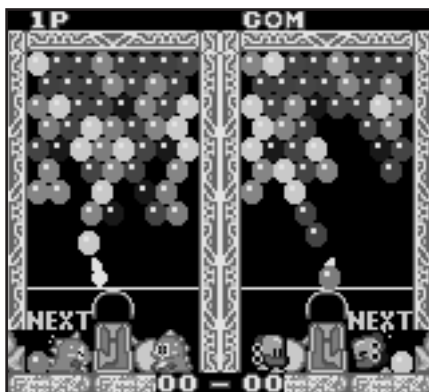
These two games are part of the *Puzzle & Action* series (from the Arcades) and both contain a very enjoyable set of crazy mini games. *Tant-R* has you photographing objects that are rushing by, finding your way around a magic maze, playing a game of animal themed *Simon Says*, a shooting game and many others.



Its sequel *Ichidant-R* contains dancing monkeys (hurrah! -ed), a *Joust*-clone with a hummingbird, a 'frog stacking' game(!) and a hilarious (but rather tricky!) *Yakitori* skewer one. Both games consist of roughly 25 mini games, bonus rounds and even a special adventure mode. Sadly, the games are only available on Japanese import, but thankfully they aren't all that expensive. If you've got two 'Gears', games and a link cable they're even more fun.

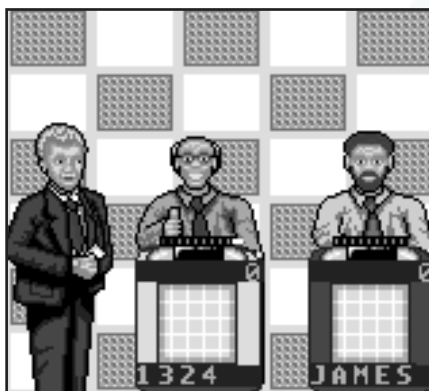
Bust-a-Move

The classic puzzle game by Taito also made an appearance on the Game Gear. Probably ported from the Game Boy, so the graphics aren't entirely up to scratch, but very playable. Complete with a two-player mode.



Jeopardy! / Jeopardy Sports Edition

Ah Trivia games: love or hate them. Personally, I love them so these two releases were of special interest to me (well, maybe the sports one not so much). Each release has over 1,700 questions in 300 categories, so there's quite a bit of quizzing!



Deep Duck Trouble

Another one of those brilliantly looking (and playing) Disney releases. Donald travels to the jungle, visits ice caves, dives down a sunken pirate ship and more. Very easy to find and inexpensive. Better than *TLDC**.



*The Lucky Dime Caper, the first DD game.



Popeye Beach Volleyball

Import only and VERY expensive, but perhaps you can find a way to play this cute sports game. Lovely graphics and animations, but -wow- is this game tough. Even on the lowest difficulty you'll have plenty of problems beating the CPU. The -somewhat simplistic- mini-games are a nice bonus.



Olympic Gold

The summer games are coming up (we hope) and this is a perfect game to prepare yourself. There's 7 events, including the 100m dash, swimming, archery and hammer throw. Surprisingly addictive.

Earthworm Jim

Perhaps there's no need to opt for the 8-bit version, but this is rather well done. A lot of the original (16-bit) game made it in. Fun platforming action with plenty of humour and hidden bits.

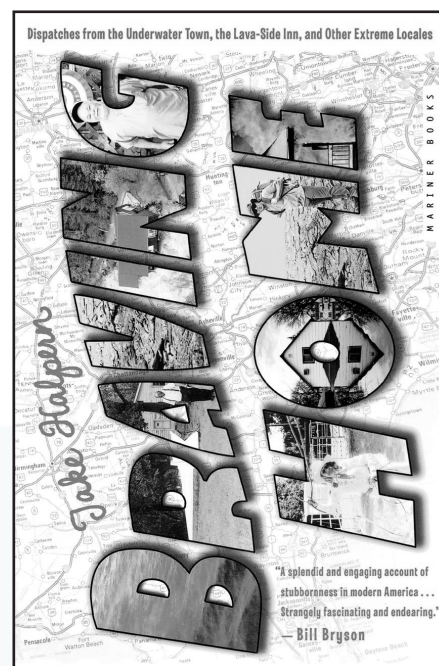


Braving Home

A book by Jake Halpern. 'Dispatches from the Underwater town, the Lava-Side Inn, and other Extreme Locales'

One of the things that greatly fascinates me are remote locations on earth. Think: the Micronesian islands, the Salton Sea in California or the Siberian taiga. It's quite incredible so many 'extreme' locations are (or once were) inhabited by humans. The American journalist Jake Halpern was equally intrigued by outlandish places, but, even more so, the people living in them. With the help of a free 'flying-pass' (from a relative who worked for airlines) Jake travelled to five of these locations. His mission: to understand the people living there and -more importantly- why they refuse to leave. Jake's first trip took him to *Princeville*, NC, USA. Once a town with roughly 2000 inhabitants, Princeville became a ghost town after it was nearly completely flooded because of the hurricane *Floyd* in 1999. Just one man refused to leave his home. His name: Thad Knight. To say Thad is living under extreme conditions would be an understatement. His trailer is standing in the ruins of what once was Princeville. His backyard? The 'local' cemetery. Despite the knowledge his home could be swept away at any moment by another flood, Thad has decided to stay in Princeville. Like said, Jake intends to find out why people like Thad braved their homes. Most of them seem a little reluctant to talk to Jake at first, but it doesn't take long before Jake is able to offer the reader a great insight in both their lives and their reasoning to stay put. In total there's five different locations Jake visits.

After visiting Thad in Princeville he heads up 'way north' to visit the town of *Whittier*, Alaska. It's a city that was basically built on the remnants of a WW2 military base. The two buildings that dominate the town were built after World War II house nearly the entire population of roughly 200 people. In the convenience annex video store on the ground level of one of these buildings, Jake meets Babs, one of Whittier's more colourful characters. From the cold, cold town of Whittier, Jake travels to Jack, who lives on one of the hottest locations on earth: an active volcano(!) in Hawaii. To reach Jack's B&B, one has to walk over the top layer of solidified lava. In the final two stories Jake visits Millie from Malibu (whose farm is in constant danger of being engulfed in a forest fire) and Ambrose, who lives on the *Grand Isle*, Louisiana: an island known to be hit by severe hurricanes. Because Jake really took the time to both experience living in these extreme locations as well as to extensively talk to (and bond with) the people living there, he was able to paint a perfect picture in this book. In the final chapter, Jake revisits all locations to find out what happened since his earlier visit. Because *Braving Home* was first published in 2003, it should also prove quite interesting to find out what has happened since. We couldn't resist finding out ourselves and



can tell you 'quite a bit' has happened (and not all of it is good). So, why feature a book from 2003? That's a very good question but easily answered: because it still holds up. In fact, you could say 'Human Nature versus Mother Nature' is one of 'hot topics' of these times.

In that way, *Braving Home* could also serve as a reminder we should never underestimate the power of nature and that we can't survive as a species if we take it for granted.

Genuinely Funky

The gadgets by Genuine Fred are pretty clever indeed

Some months ago we came across a few items in a shop we deemed 'note-worthy'. We wrote down the two words 'Genuine Fred' in our 1324 'to write about' notebook. Now the time has come to tell you about Genuine Fred. It is an American company from Rhode Island that creates (in their own words) 'Fun and Whimsical products'. Their line consists of office products, products for children and even products for pets, but for this article we're focussing on their line of kitchen/food related items.

Tea, Coffee and other Drinks

GF stocks many rather nifty bottle stoppers and tea infusers. The designs include dogs, cats, sloths, chickens, turtles, acorns, bananas and even pickles(!). They're quite original and (like many of the GF products) could make a perfect gift.

We've all seen the *Star Wars* ice cube trays by now, but GF really has some rather cute other designs. There's trays for cubes in the shape of brains, dentures, straws, Mo'ai (the statues found on Easter Island), gems, octopuses and more. Drink markers might not feel essential, but you might change your mind after seeing some of the GF designs. They're clever, very clever.

Food, glorious food

The various novelty erasers by GF look rather tasty. There's donuts, macarons, avocados and more. In need of some pushpins? The *Marsh Memos* is a set of twenty pushpins shaped like mini marshmallows floating inside a cup of coco. Another set of pushpins are called *Maki tacks*: they're a set of sushi pushpins made to look like *tobiko*.

Other designs to look out for? There's *potato clips*, *ramen notes*, the *half pint* creamer, *Matryoshka* measuring cups and many others. The GF website is not the best (why are all the pictures so blurry?!), but we still reckon it's worth checking out. We're sure you'll dig plenty of their designs.

[[Genuine Fred](#)]



Koala Tea infuser (\$10)

RandoTube

We push random Youtube channels

This week, we're taking a look at the Youtube channel called **muzikxpress**.

Channel description:

"Welcome to Muzikxpress! I am Twan, a passionate music addict from the south of The Netherlands. On my channel you will find out more about some of the greatest tracks in the world, facts and music trivia and way more! I will also show you some cool music landmarks from all over the world, plus you can see interviews with many people from the music industry as well."

Recent video output:

The story behind "Close Horizon" by Thomas Bronzwaer, The story behind "Punk" by Ferry Corsten, Nance interview; the story behind Twenty 4 Seven and more!, The story behind "Signum feat. Scott Mac - Coming On Strong" by Ron Hagen, The story behind "Trance & Acid" by Kai Tracid.

Current subscriber count:

14.3k (Let's go 15,000!)

Channel Link:

[[muzikxpress](#)]

Quality Quote

Words to go by

'How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.'

-Anne Frank

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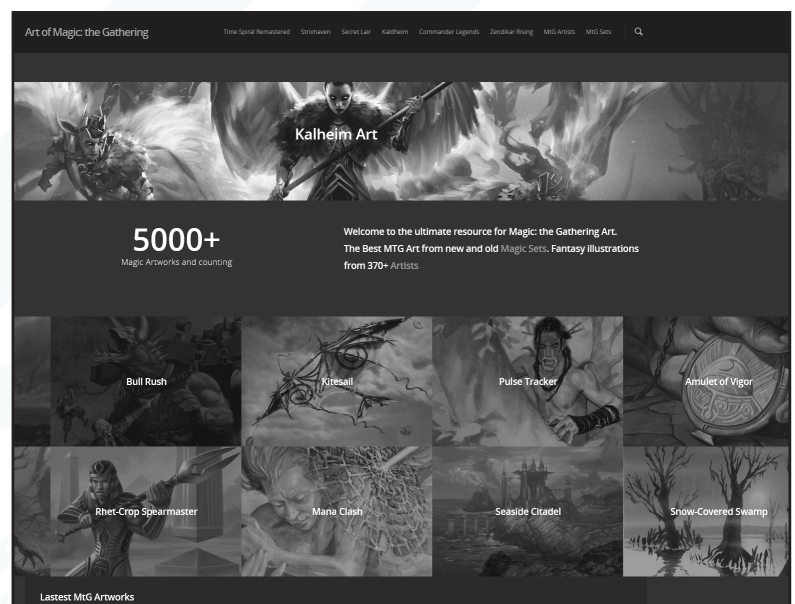
Card Art

The art of Magic the Gathering

We haven't played the phenomenal card game known as *Magic the Gathering* ourselves, but we can still appreciate the artwork that was used on the cards. You *could* check out the full list of artists on [this Wikipedia page](#), but, more interestingly, there's also a special website that features the 'magic artworks' themselves (over 5000 of them!).

ArtofMtg aims to be the 'ultimate resource for Magic: the Gathering Art'. We do have to admit, their site is pretty impressive and works rather well on mobile platforms too (so if you need a classy new backdrop...). There's not just art, though. You can also browse their database of artists and read interviews with them. Truly a work of love. Find *ArtofMtg* at the link below.

[[Art of Magic: the Gathering](#)]



Our favorite card game? *Culdcept* which, incidently, also has some [incredible art](#).

Trivia: The Answers

Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] Perseverance
- [02] Hippocratic
- [03] A macro lens
- [04] There's 5 rings (black/yellow/red/blue/green) and a white background.
- [05] *Honshu*. (I'll be honest, I got that one wrong myself! -Ivenne).
- [06] Temperature
- [07] Four
- [08] Tweety (Titi) and Sylvester (Grosminet)
- [09] Menthol is made from types of mint (like corn mint or peppermint)
- [10] Yes. It's a noble metal and does not react inside human body.
- [11] Squash rackets are slightly more heavy
- [12] Vibri
- [13] The Philippines
- [14] It was a fruit & veg juicer, but we would've accepted paperweight.
- [15] Bit of a cryptic one, this. We were looking for *PAL*. Props if you got that.

See you next zine?

